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# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## TIME FOR THE ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR IS OCT. 30 TO NOV. 4!

## Pray! Greatest Victories are won while Workers are on their Knees!

### BE STEADFAST AND STRONG

#### No Time Now to be Weakly And Sickly in Your Experience.

##### Religious Giants Are Needed For This Last Great Conflict.

If there had been no danger of the Lord's people becoming unsettled and wavering surely Paul would not have given so much good advice and so many warnings, and placed so many danger signals along the way. While Moses was in the lead in the church in the wilderness vacillation was one of the greatest hindrances to good government and the movement of the Israelites toward their promised Canaan.

Sometimes this vast throng of travelers were in good humor with Moses and the laws, and at other times many of them would begin to vacillate and do things contrary to God's command. This would often continue until some awful plague or trouble of some kind came upon them which caused them to humble themselves before God and repent. Ancient history is full of accounts of insurrections, rebellions, changing of their minds and breaking over the plans God had given them.

There is a tendency in the hearts of many people even unto this day to rebel against the right. Among the many rebels in the camp of Israel in Moses' day was Zimri a prince of the tribe of Simeon. He was outspoken against Moses and brazen enough to boldly and openly commit the grossest crimes. He declared himself free from the bondage of the law and boldly acknowledged he had sacrificed to other gods contrary to God's orders through Moses and he was going to continue to do so if he wanted to.

But this boastful selfwilled man soon came to an end. God was angry with him, similar to the manner in which He was angry with Core and his company who raised a strong force against Moses and the more conscientious people and were about to turn back to Egypt. The earth opened up and swallowed them; and Zimri was thrust through with a dart, and Phineas who slew him received commendation from God on account of his bold act.

Many are the pictures and incidents of the past that show God's disapproval of wavering and vacillation. He wants people to be steadfast and strong. In his instructions to the Corinthian church Paul told them to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58). This is like Daniel who purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." (Dan. 1:8.) And he stuck to it.

While there have been men of no stability there have also been men like Daniel that would not move from the right under any circumstances. They told him to stop praying but he went right on with it. They told him to eat the king's dainties but he

got out of it. He always came out ahead of all those who conspired against him because he was steadfast in his faith and obedient to God. His companions also refused to swerve from the right when they were threatened with torture and death. They could face the furnace of fire but they could not or would not fall down and worship the image Nebuchadnezzar had set up. These men were steadfast and strong enough to boldly refuse to obey the orders that were contrary to the true worship and service of God. They said to the king, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (Dan. 3:16-18.)

Talk about being steadfast in faith and strong in the Lord, there is an example. And that is the kind of men that are needed in these days for the great work there is to do. There is no time now to be weakly and sickly in your Christian experience. To the Colossians Paul said, "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith."

The promise of being presentable to the Lord is only on the conditions that "ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and not moved away" from the truth. There are no promises of good to those who drift about and have no settled position to occupy. Bees do not make honey while they are swarming. It is not until they get settled that they go to work. It is that way with men. They do no good while they are unsettled and swarming and drifting about. Have in mind a certain man I used to know. He seemed to be well established and fixed. He sang well, and talked well, and worked well in Sunday school and meetings. In fact he seemed to be getting along fine in his experience and was gaining in influence and ability. All of a sudden it seemed something came over him until he did not seem like he did before. Later on it was discovered that he had become unsettled and he finally acknowledged that he was unsettled and therefore did not have the heart to work like he had been hitherto. It always hurts to get to drifting about. It is said in regard to making gains of wealth that "a rolling stone gathers no moss." This is about as true in a spiritual sense. If you get to rolling—become unsettled—your spirituality will leak out or wear off.

It is necessary for the Lord's children to be spiritual. They should not allow anything to prevent this. In his letter to Galus John said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may-

est prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." This is the standard. A good healthy body and soul. A soul that is prosperous. This is like walking in the light and keeping up with the light as it moves along. Always moving forward, but never wavering or drawing back.

We must repeat it over and over again that we must be living in Paul's "perilous times." But this is all the more need for us to be so established that we will never be moved. There is a refuge to which we may flee—an "anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." (Heb. 6:18-19.) Then why be driven and tossed about by influences that would steal away the joy and victory? Remember that it is no time now to be weakly and sickly in your Christian experience. Now is the time you ought to be steadfast and strong.

Paul tells of an experience beyond the childhood state. If you are tossed to and fro and carried about you show the fruits of childhood. And there are a plenty of men and women in this unsettled state without you. You ought to be fixed and settled. Paul describes the state thus: "Children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (Eph. 4:15.) I am afraid I know of some now that are in this very state. Some of them probably would not acknowledge they are only children in experience, but their actions and words betray them and prove that they are.

But there is a happy state of steadfastness—in the right and remain there. Not tossed and driven. Settled and solid on the Apostle's doctrine. This is the man or woman that measures to Paul's description. They have "the knowledge of the Son of God." (Eph. 4:13.) Obtained this under the ministry of men of God who have been preaching the truth straight and clean. Paul carries us on by his eloquence when he describes the "perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13.) This is above the child state. And if we obey Paul we will rise above this slippery path and leave the "tossed about" experience. Paul said, "Brethren, be not children." And of himself he says, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." This means the full grown settled experience so there will be no more wavering and floundering about. This means anchored, established, settled, unmovable, steadfast and strong.

But we must acknowledge that there are some weak ones. Yes, and this is the class we want to help. They must not get dis-

couraged and give up. Hold up your heads and plant your foot down with a vim. Shake off the gloom and sadness that have settled down upon you. Better take the advice of the man of God. "Let the weak say I am strong." (Joel 3:10.) And this is similar to Paul's instructions when he said, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." (Eph. 6:10.) Talk about being weak and you will be weak. Rise above it!

I fancy I hear some one say, "But my case is a peculiar one and I seem to be bound by some spirit that holds me down. Yes, and as long as you keep talking and thinking that way you will be miserable. Come out of it! Up! up! be strong! quit yourselves like men! and stop your pouting. It is the child experience that pouts. You can't afford to do this now after you have lived a Christian so many years and been enjoying great victory so long.

Come on, beloved, listen to me! Let us take a run up the road in spiritual things and enjoy the heavenly breezes as they waft the sweet fragrance of heavenly glories over your soul. Take a good strong breath and say, Praise the Lord! Do it again, and still again! There, now, I'm sure you feel better. But do it again. No doubt you have spent much time in prayer, but it has been a prayer almost wholly for yourself. You did not pray much for others. Try praying for others and praise the Lord for yourself.

I tell you, beloved, if you are going to crouch down and be weak you can't make it through in these days. Listen! Religious giants are needed now for this last great conflict. And you can never be a giant and plead your weakness. You will have to get your head up and go. Look at little David, how he grew as he ran! There was the big giant defying the entire army of Israel. David heard his boasts. Did David crouch down and plead his weakness? No sir! He said, Let me go, I'll fight against him and slay him! See him stretch upward as he started. Soon he was in a run toward the vicious foe. David shouted as he ran, I come in the name of the Lord of hosts. On, on he ran. Growing stronger and bolder as he approached his enemy. You know the result. The giant was slain. The victory was won. The enemy was defeated by one little boy saying, I am strong, I will fight against the giant.

Never was there a time when religious giants were needed like they are now. No time to be weak. Must be strong and do something for God and humanity. Look at the wounded and dying lying on the battle field. Are you going to quail at the sight? Are you going to hide away and plead your weakness and still remain weak at such a time as this? No, surely not! But some of you will if you don't begin to say I'm strong, and rise above the gloom. You

### SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Beginning Sept. 1, and continuing for fifteen days will be another SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN for the Evangel.

We set in last year to make the number of subscriptions ten thousand by Nov. 1918. Although we were deprived of having the Assembly then we were able to report the ten thousand printed in time to report the victory at the Assembly. At the beginning of the new year we set our stakes at fifteen thousand by the next Assembly that is to convene about Nov. 1-1919. Some who saw the announcement suggested that we ought to make it twenty thousand instead of fifteen thousand. I felt the gentle rebuke and thought of Jesus' words, "O ye of little faith." I concluded that if others could have enough faith to suggest twenty thousand by the Assembly in Nov. 1919, that I ought to at least join in with them. So we went to work and everybody worked together and by the time the year was half out the subscriptions had reached the fifteen thousand mark and soon we announced in the paper that it was taking sixteen thousand five hundred to fill the demands each week. This is the highest mark that has been made, but we must not stop at this. Our friends have been working faithfully and many have sent in good lists, but not enough to raise it to the desired mark.

Now, as we are nearing the time for the Assembly, and thousands of the lovers of the Evangel are very anxious to make the twenty thousand mark by the Assembly we have decided to launch another special subscription campaign. Will you help us? I am sure that you will.

**Proposition.**  
For the sake of getting the Evangel into thousands of new homes yet before the Assembly,

cannot be strong if you are wavering and unsettled. If you are in doubts about this being the way and begin to look for some other way, you will soon begin to cry as of old, "My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me!"

No, beloved, while these serious days are upon us, abstain from the appearance of evil. Keep away from temptation. Show yourself strong to resist temptation. Keep so busy in the service of the Lord that you will have no time for gloom, nor any place for the devil to cast his black shadow over your soul. It is in idleness you grow weak. Keep moving. Stay in the front ranks, the very hottest of the battle, where strong men are needed and you will find your strength increasing. Hallelujah!

Finally, beloved, Be steadfast and strong. Quit yourselves like men. There is no time now to be weakly and sickly in your Chris-

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Always write the names, and addresses plain so we will make no mistakes when we enter them on the list.

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 rection.

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 ing mistakes, but if we make a mistake  
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 reports of interest from the battle field.  
 If nothing else a postal card telling where  
 you are this week.

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 of information as well as a spiritual  
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 in the interest of the Church of God."

Sunday, Sept. 14, is foreign  
 mission day. This means freewill  
 offerings for foreign mission  
 work.

Many good things just ahead.  
 The Spirit of the Lord is lifting  
 up a standard against the ene-  
 my's flood.

S. O. Gillaspie reports thirty  
 nine filled with the Holy Ghost  
 in his last meeting at Lawrence-  
 ville, Ill. Hurrah for Jesus!

W. F. Green reports ten filled  
 with the Holy Ghost in his meet-  
 ing at Lafollett Tenn., also eleven  
 added to the Church. This is  
 fine.

We do not want any one to  
 miss a paper. We are doing our  
 best to get them to the subscrib-  
 ers, and we hope no one will be  
 disappointed.

If you have not yet ordered  
 your Sunday school literature  
 for next quarter you should do  
 so at once, so we can get it to  
 you in time. The rush is on, but  
 we will fill your order in its  
 turn.

If you have not yet organized  
 a Home Class Department in  
 your Sunday school, suppose you  
 send for instructions and try it.  
 In ordering your Sunday School  
 literature you should include  
 the Home Class quarterlies and  
 envelopes envelopes, that is, if  
 you are going to try the Home  
 Class work. Many are enthusi-  
 astic about this work because  
 they see the good results that  
 follow the efforts.

The last Sunday in this quar-  
 ter, Sept. 28, is Home Class Sun-  
 day. This is the time to invite  
 all the home class scholars to at-  
 tend the main school. The main  
 school will make an effort to  
 give them a welcome and a good  
 time. If any are crippled, or in  
 any way unable to get there  
 arrangements should be made  
 by the main school to furnish  
 conveyance for them. We want  
 them to come to the main school  
 and we want to make them as  
 happy as possible when they  
 come. If any one wants to  
 know more about this Home  
 Class work send for printed  
 instructions.

Regret very much to have to

Inform our friends that we are  
 again behind with our corre-  
 spondence, but will give each  
 one due attention just as soon as  
 possible. Hope you will be pa-  
 tient with us, and pray for us  
 here at the office, which I'm  
 sure many are doing already,  
 and this is greatly appreciated.  
 I will be very sorry if anything  
 is delayed that will be injurious  
 in anywise, but I hope nothing  
 of this kind is delayed. We are  
 doing our best.

Only two more days of the  
 Subscription Campaign. We hope  
 the workers will make a special  
 home run and get at least a  
 thousand on the last two days.  
 Already good lists have found  
 their way to the office and the  
 book keepers are working hard  
 to get all the changes made so  
 every subscriber will get his pa-  
 per next week. But if any do not  
 receive it next week it is because  
 the work has been too great for  
 us, but do not be uneasy it will  
 come to you soon. May God  
 bless every faithful worker. I  
 feel we are true yokefellows,  
 working together for our blessed  
 Master.

## Notices

Brother Arthur Fortner has  
 come back into the Church of  
 God and is doing fine now.

Lovingly,  
 J. A. Davis.

The revival meeting will begin  
 at Bradentown, Fla. second Sun-  
 day, Sept. 14. There will be  
 room on the ground for camp-  
 ing. There is a store three blocks  
 away where provisions can be  
 bought or meals can be  
 bought across the street at 35c  
 per meal.

Yours in Christ,  
 Joseph A. Alvord.

To all the friends who are con-  
 templating attending the Bible  
 school at Cleveland, Tenn. be-  
 ginning Sept. 29, please memo-  
 rize as many of the following  
 Scriptures as possible.

Gen. 1:1-6; St. John 1:1-17.  
 Acts 3:19-26; Psalm 133; Song  
 of Solomon 6:4-9; Isa. 9:6-8;  
 Gal. 5:17-22; 2 Pet. 1:1-12; Rev.  
 3:10; Isa. 1:16-20; Isa. 55:7-12;  
 Psalm 15; Prov. 7; Gal. 6:7-11;  
 Eph. 2:1-12; 1 Tim. 1:1-20; Heb.  
 11 and 12; James 2:10.

I want all who are in reach to  
 attend the ten days Bible school  
 so we can give all the time pos-  
 sible to evangelize and help  
 those off at a distance.

Yours for service,  
 M. S. Lemons.

We expect to begin a revival  
 meeting at Pates' Temple, Miss.  
 Sept. 18, to continue seven days  
 or longer. We expect to have Sis-  
 ter Pearl Adams and the brass  
 band with us. D. V. and probably  
 Brother Churchill.

Saints, please pray for the suc-  
 cess of this meeting.

Your brothers in Christ,  
 E. C. Rider, District Overseer  
 E. B. Culpepper,  
 State Overseer.

A meeting will begin at the  
 Cagle Cross Road Church at  
 Dublin, Miss. Sept. 13. D. V. We  
 are expecting Brother Press-  
 grove and helpers and other  
 workers to be with us. Every-  
 body is invited to come and help  
 us. Let those who can't come  
 pray.

Lester Lay.

A revival meeting will begin at  
 the old Tabernacle at Cleveland,  
 Tenn. Sept. 27. Brother Rickets  
 from Soddy, Brother Nelson  
 from Dividing Ridge, Brother  
 Will Jones and Brother Clyde  
 Miller will have charge of the  
 meeting. It will continue twenty

days or longer. We are expect-  
 ing a great revival.

Please pray much. Every  
 body welcome.

W. F. Bryant.

While at Brantford, Florida, I  
 met our dear Brother Bradley,  
 Deacon of the church there. My  
 sympathy and love surely went  
 out to him when I saw and  
 learned more about his condi-  
 tion. He was very sick with  
 fever, yet he was battling a-  
 gainst it, also some of the family  
 were sick with fever. Some were  
 threatening him with the law if  
 he didn't soon have a physician  
 and he is already under a heavy  
 bond for a similar case. Let us  
 hold him up in our prayers.  
 Another thing, he is a poor hard  
 working man when well but his  
 expences in the courts have  
 already been \$700.00 with noth-  
 ing to pay. He has a little farm  
 and his only chance is to sell at  
 once. "When members suffer,  
 others suffer also." How much  
 do we suffer for this worthy  
 brother? If anyone's sympathy  
 reaches to the pocket book, I am  
 sure he will cry over it and pray  
 a special prayer for every donor.  
 F. J. Lee, Overseer of Florida.

## Voice in Song Our 1918-19 Book.

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 superior book. This book will suit  
 you if you are looking for a book with  
 half of it filled with the best, deepest,  
 most spiritual new songs written  
 each song a message to you with the  
 fire and power, and the last half of  
 the book filled with the popular in-  
 dispensable Revival songs, without  
 which no book would be complete.  
 These are the Cream from my other  
 popular books. Ready sometime in  
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 per dozen. Send your order now to  
 R. E. Winsett, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Canton, N. C.

To Evangel Readers—Greetings:

Have just closed a tent meet-  
 ing at Biltmore N. C. I am now  
 in one here. The Lord is bless-  
 ing and giving victory all along  
 the way. Pray earnestly that  
 much good may be done here.  
 Your brother for lost souls,  
 E. C. Smith, Dist. Overseer

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"Choice Selections," song book.  
 Thirty songs, words only. The  
 very best songs. 10c each, 75c  
 per doz. Special prices in quan-  
 tities, to evangelists.

E. W. Anderson,  
 Fork Ridge, Tenn.

## Eldorado, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greet-  
 ings in Jesus' name:

I want to praise God for vic-  
 tory. I am taking the Church of  
 God Evangel, it is food to my  
 soul. I read in the last Evangel  
 about the soon coming of Jesus.  
 Beloved, it made my soul shud-  
 der for the sins of some people.

I covet the prayers of all the  
 saints for more of God's power.  
 I want to go through in spite of  
 the combined forces of the evil  
 one. More prayer, more love,  
 and more grace will win the vic-  
 tory.

Your brother looking for Jesus,  
 J. W. Scarbrough.

## Dorrisville, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—  
 Greetings in Jesus' Precious  
 Name:

I want to praise God for saving,  
 sanctifying, and filling me with  
 the precious Holy Ghost. Glory  
 be to God, He keeps me and my  
 children healed.

Brother John O. Yates and  
 Brother Oglesby are holding a  
 meeting here. Souls are getting  
 through, they are being saved,  
 sanctified, and filled with the  
 Holy Ghost. God can work and  
 no one can hinder. Bless His  
 dear name.

I am determined to go through  
 in spite of the devil. Pray for  
 me.

Your sister in Christ,  
 Effie Foster.

## NO TIME FOR DIVISION.

S. J. Heath.

We are now living in perilous  
 times when the devil is raging.  
 It seems as never before, for he  
 knows his time is short. Paul  
 says, "In the last days perilous  
 times shall come. For men shall  
 be lovers of their own selves,  
 covetous, boasters, proud, blas-  
 phemers, disobedient to parents,  
 unthankful, unholy, etc." These  
 things are being fulfilled in these  
 days and it is no time for us to  
 pick our brothers and sisters to  
 pieces and find fault with them  
 and the government of God's  
 church, but it is time for us to  
 love each other as never before  
 join hand to hand and heart to  
 heart for a solid fight against the  
 enemy. A battle could never be  
 won if the army were to turn  
 against their leader and break  
 the ranks. And if our love and  
 fellowship is broken, the devil  
 creeps in. Paul says, "If there  
 is among you envying, strife,  
 and divisions, are ye not carnal  
 and walk as men?" (1 Cor. 3:3.)

"For to be carnally minded is  
 death; but to be spiritually mind-  
 ed is life and peace. Because  
 the carnal mind is enmity a-  
 gainst God, neither indeed can  
 be." (Rom. 8:6, 7.)

We are delighted with the  
 Church of God and its doctrine  
 and government and we have no  
 fears of it because we have the  
 promise that the gates of hell  
 shall not prevail against it. While  
 some are attacking it and stir-  
 ring up strife and division it  
 might be well to take the advice  
 of Gamaliel, "Refrain from these  
 men, and let them alone: for if  
 this counsel or this work be of  
 men, it will come to nought:  
 But if it be of God, ye cannot  
 overthrow it; lest haply ye be  
 found even to fight against God."  
 (Acts 5:38, 39.) We cannot be-  
 lieve the Holy Ghost will abide  
 in the heart of one who is stir-  
 ring up strife and division. The  
 devil is delighted over such  
 while our heavenly Father is  
 grieved. Surely we cannot win  
 souls for our God unless we are  
 in love and harmony with our  
 brothers and sisters. As long as  
 we are in the Church of God let  
 us hold it up as the greatest  
 thing in the world.

What would people think of  
 a man who would condemn his  
 brother in the flesh every time  
 he had an opportunity. I can't  
 conceive of God adding one to  
 His church, as many testify, for  
 the purpose of stirring up strife  
 and causing division. I can't  
 reconcile the testimony of one  
 being added by God today and in  
 a short while taken out by the  
 same God. If we are not very  
 careful, we will fulfill 2 Thes.  
 2:11, 12. "And for this cause  
 God shall send them strong de-  
 lusion, that they should believe  
 a lie: That they all might be  
 damned who believed not the  
 truth, but had pleasure in un-  
 righteousness."

## Odum, Ga.

Dear Saints—Greeting in Jesus'  
 Dear Name:

I am still praising God for  
 what He is to me. He has saved  
 me and sanctified me through  
 His precious blood and I want  
 all the saints to pray for me un-  
 til I get the Holy Ghost. I want  
 the whole armor of God so  
 I can stand the wiles of the devil.  
 I have lots of trials and tempta-  
 tions but I know the blessed Sa-  
 vior is with me to help me over-  
 come.

Jesus said, "In my Father's  
 house are many mansions: if it  
 were not so I would have told  
 you. I go to prepare a place for  
 you. And if I go and prepare a

place for you, I will come again,  
 and receive you unto myself;  
 that where I am, there ye may  
 be also." (John 14:2, 3.) I want  
 to be in the number when He  
 comes for His elect. It is wonder-  
 ful to think about what a happy  
 time we will have with all the  
 redeemed. And what a sad thing  
 to think of those who will not  
 be ready.

I have a son in the army who is  
 calling for prayer in every letter.  
 Pray earnestly that God will save  
 him and send him home. Pray  
 that my home will be a sancti-  
 fied home.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
 Rosetter Dixon.

## Berryton, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greet-  
 ings in Jesus' name:

I never can praise the Lord  
 enough for free salvation. Bless  
 His holy name. Over a year ago,  
 I was sick. The Lord healed my  
 body, sanctified me with His  
 precious blood, baptized me with  
 the Holy Ghost with the Bible  
 evidence of speaking in other  
 tongues, and gave me victory  
 over dipping snuff. Praise His  
 name forever. I am delighted in  
 this highway of holiness. The  
 way grows brighter every day, it  
 just suits me. I am glad I am a  
 member of the Church of God.

There are only a few saints  
 here and the devil is doing his  
 best to pull us down. I ask all  
 who read this to pray for us that  
 we may be true till Jesus comes  
 or calls.

Leiza Garner.

## Haynes, Ark.

Evangel family—Greeting in  
 Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for salva-  
 tion and the Holy Ghost still a-  
 bides. I want to thank God for  
 showing me the church of God  
 and I'm doing my best to obey  
 all the teachings. If I did not a-  
 gree with the rulings of the  
 Assembly I would feel that  
 I was disloyal to the great  
 Church of God. When the  
 Assembly said we needed a Bible  
 school, I felt that it was of God  
 and that the Holy Ghost was  
 leading those whom God had  
 chosen to be leaders and the  
 ones who were watching for our  
 souls.

I conclude that the writer of  
 Proverbs knew that he was  
 talking about when he said,  
 "Where no counsel is, the people  
 fall: but in the multitude of  
 counselors there is safety."

Some think that a Bible and  
 the Holy Ghost is all one needs  
 and they are essential but we  
 learn in 1 Cor. 12:28 that we are  
 to have teachers, and if there  
 were none who needed teaching  
 we would need no teachers.  
 Some say the Holy Ghost is  
 their teacher and, true enough,  
 He is but He teaches through  
 others. Jesus taught His dis-  
 ciples and Paul also taught. He  
 was a learned man and he was  
 the most useful man to God and  
 the Church.

If we examine God's Word, we  
 will see that God had schools  
 in the past, and why not now? If  
 we learn that such is of God, we  
 should never speak lightly of our  
 school nor try to discourage any  
 one from going to a Bible school  
 or taking the correspondence  
 course, but always boost it.

Examine the following Scrip-  
 ture. First, it appears that God  
 had ordained a system of educa-  
 tion in Israel on the following  
 plan.

The first primary teachers of  
 children were the parents, Prov.  
 22:6; Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:6, 7.

The priests and Levites were  
 appointed to teach throughout  
 all Israel. Lev. 10:8, 11; Neh. 8:  
 9; Deut. 33:8-10; 2 Chron. 17:  
 8, 9, 30:22.

Schools were established in  
 the days of the kings under the  
 charge of Samuel and succeed-

ing prophets, called the school of  
 the prophets. Those who at-  
 tended them were called "the  
 sons of the prophets." Such  
 schools seemed to have existed  
 in the following places; Naloth  
 in Ramah, 1 Sam. 19:19, 20.  
 Bethel, 2 Kings 2:2, 3; Jericho,  
 2 Kings 2:4, 5, 15-17. Gilgal  
 2 Kings 4:38-41; and a college  
 at Jerusalem, 2 Kings 22:14.

There appears to have been  
 some kind of school at Jerusalem  
 in the days of Christ, whose  
 teachers were called doctors,  
 masters, etc. Luke 2:46, 47, Jno.  
 3:9, 10; Acts 5:34, 22:3.

The object of the schools of  
 the prophets was to teach the  
 Word of God, prayer, the work of  
 the Spirit of God, music, sacred  
 poetry, etc. 1 Sam. 12:23; 1  
 Chron. 25:1-3, 6-8; 2 Chron. 23:  
 13.

One writer said the chief sub-  
 jects of study in these schools  
 were the law of God, with in-  
 structions given to Moses, sac-  
 red history, sacred music, and  
 poetry.

I hope I have written enough  
 to show anyone there is Bible  
 for our school. We need more  
 wisdom and knowledge so let  
 us speak the same thing. If the  
 Assembly says we need a Bible  
 school, then let us say, "Amen"  
 and all pull together for the  
 great Church of God. We should  
 not speak lightly of our schools.

If we can't agree with the As-  
 sembly and those who are over  
 us, then we are not loyal. Don't  
 be a Zimri or Balaam but be one  
 in Christ, that there should be  
 no schism in the body. Beloved,  
 if our General Overseer and the  
 Assembly says we need a school  
 and you say we don't, is there  
 not schism in the body?

"Brethren, be not children in  
 understanding; howbeit in malice  
 be ye children, but in under-  
 standing be men. (1 Cor. 14:20.)  
 W. A. McMickle.

## Notice

A meeting will begin at the  
 Church of God, Coeburn, Va.  
 Sept. 14, D. V. Brother J. A.  
 Davis will be in charge. We de-  
 sire the prayers of God's children  
 that we may have a good meet-  
 ing.

W. M. Lowman, pastor.

## Lawrenceville, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greet-  
 ings in Jesus' name:

I still have victory here. The  
 power is falling in a wonderful  
 way. The tent will not hold all  
 the people who attend. No one  
 had the Holy Ghost when I came  
 here five weeks ago but nineteen  
 have the blessing now.

The town is stirred and there  
 are good prospects for the  
 church. I expect to set a church  
 in order.

I have not had many to help  
 me, have done most of the  
 preaching myself. I am getting  
 tired in my body but God is with  
 me. I had rather wear out than  
 rust out. I have felt like I  
 needed your prayers many times  
 but never so much as now. I am  
 here to stay till God says go. I  
 want all the saints to pray for  
 me.

Yours in His service,  
 S. O. Gillaspie.

## Powhatan, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for  
 saving, sanctifying, and filling  
 me with the Holy Ghost. I am  
 so glad the Lord has called me  
 out of darkness into this mar-  
 velous light.

I have been holding a meeting  
 here and the Lord has been bless-  
 ing. About twelve were saved,  
 seven sanctified, three received  
 the Holy Ghost, and six followed  
 the Lord in water baptism. Five  
 or more are to follow Sunday.  
 O. B. Griffith and wife.



## God Has Proved His Love For Us.

### Let Us Prove Our Love For Him And One Another.

Luther A. Richard.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.) Of all the Bible verses, this seems the sweetest to me. Just think that God so loved the world that He gave the brightest jewel of heaven to redeem it. How He must have loved His only Son, but He saw it was the only plan to save souls from hell.

After giving Him, God was pleased with His Son for when Jesus was baptized a voice came from heaven which said, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22.) He was not only pleased but well pleased. What a sacrifice it was to give him to suffer and die. But God loved the lost world and He proved He did love it. We were all lost without hope and God saw it, so His great heart of love was touched. When God knew the devil was the cause of it all and was doing his best to drag the whole world down to hell, He could have said, "I love the world" and not have done anything to redeem it but He proved His love.

Jesus wants us to prove our love for Him and He is not willing to stop at taking our word. He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15.) One of the commandments is "That ye love one another." (John 13:34.) We can easily tell how much we love the Lord by the love we have for one another. Again Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." (John 14:23.) This is the way we can prove our love for Him. John said, "He that saith, I know Him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:4.) In the third verse he said, "And hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments." Then if I say I know the Lord and have hatred in my heart against my brother, I am a liar and I do not know the Lord. It is worthless for one to say he loves the Lord if he does not keep His commandments. Prove that you do love Him by your obedience. It is the same way concerning your love for one another.

There is no need for me to say that I love the dear old Church of God and fight tithing and other things that the Church stands for. If we love the Church of God we will submit to its teachings without murmuring and complaining. It is worthless to say we love our General Overseer and then continually find fault in his work. If we love him we will prove it by praying for him and helping him in anyway we can. We do not need to say we love our state overseer and talk about him when he is doing his best. If you don't like the way he does some things, pray for him. Probably some of his mistakes could have been prevented if you had prayed for him as you should.

If we love one another let us prove it and in this way prove our love to God. On Sunday do not meet your brother, kiss him, and tell him that you love him, then talk about him all week and try to hurt his influence.

O God, help us all to truly have love one for another. Surely we are living in the time when Jesus said, "Because iniquity abounds, the love of many will wax cold." We expect the world to hate us but let us love one another. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." (John 13:35.)

## Report

Meeting closed at Mt. Olive, near Cleveland, Tenn. Sunday night, after four weeks of hard preaching. Some say it was the best meeting ever held here but eternity will reveal all the good that was done. Five were definitely saved, four were sweetly sanctified, seven were baptized and four joined the church.

Everyone pray for us.  
Mary Howell.

### Warrior, Ala.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to praise the dear Lord because I am content and satisfied in the dear old Church of God. I know in whom I trust. Some stand firm for awhile then become self-willed as Jude said they would. They drag along until they are put out of the church, then deny the church. After being put out for disobedience, they say they have new light. I don't wonder at Jesus when He said, many would start but few enter.

Friends, I am in the Church of God to stay. I was shown the way by the true Word of God. Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This means it will not be overcome. Jesus will have His bride. Thank God! I love the Church of God and I can't find another inside the Bible. I mean to go the Bible way. If ye love not your brother whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen? "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:14)

Your unworthy sister in Christ,  
Minnie Duke.

### Lindale, Ga.

The revival here is on a steady climb. Souls are being saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. However, more heed is being given to the Word. The people who fill the large tent are motionless while the messages as strong as the Word and Spirit gives it peals forth. It truly seems that God is visiting Lindale specially.

Wednesday night after a fiery message was given a lady came forward, fell at the altar with eyes fixed on the top of the tent, as she begged for mercy. Directly a flash of glory came over her face, "the joy of sins forgiven." She began to praise God and in a few moments she was sanctified, and while her voice went up in praise to God, she received the Holy Ghost and spake in tongues. I have hardly seen one so happy and I have never seen a sinner with uplifted hands and head confess to God as she did. Her sister tried to get her to go to the show but she said she was convinced by the message on Sunday night when Brother Holcomb preached on the pride of life and the love of the world.

The crowds were so large the building was not large enough, necessitating the purchase of a tent which will be used by the church at this place.

From service to service the Spirit works more forcible. Tears can be seen throughout the services. The workers are faithful at their post of duty. Services start at 7:30 P. M. with music and singing. The workers in this service are W. A. Capshaw who plays the cornet, and with his shouts of "amen" and praises to God, he puts life into the services. Jessie Capshaw is in her place with her large drum and tambourine. Ida Mathis picks the guitar, Wm. Chester at the organ, and Sister Chester with her special selected Spirit-filled songs, and the multitude of singers all thrilled with the Spirit

makes the services of special interest.

Not many preach the gospel in its fullness as our beloved Brother Holcomb. He obeys the admonition that was spoken to Timothy by Paul, "Preach the Word." This is endorsed by saint and sinner. The Word says "honor to whom honor is due." I have heard leading Pentecostal ministers and Brother Holcomb has not been exceeded. A small child can understand him. The educated are held in silence. The Spirit controls.

No end is seen for the meeting. We hardly know what to expect since God has the meeting in hand. We desire your prayers.  
A follower of the Lord.

### Arley, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings:

This day finds me filled with the glory of God and joybells of heaven ringing in my soul. 'Tis wonderful to know the ways of the Lord.

A truck load with the Helicon band went to Beltona and Kimberly one day in July. Words can't express how the Lord blessed. People from different counties were at Kimberly. The overseer of state, Brother J. B. Ellis was there. Brother Asa Ellis of Pratt City, had charge of the children's exercises. Older people were put to shame to see the little folks so far ahead of them in Bible training, such as naming the books, chapters in each book, naming the books of each division, answering questions on regeneration, sanctification and baptism of the Holy Ghost etc. with chapter and verse. One received the Holy Ghost during the services.

As the truck load came back, we played, sang, and shouted. People ran their horses to keep up so they could hear the music. We were stopped along the way so this could be heard. Why is this? It is the power of God drawing the people. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32.) Expressions were made, "I never heard such music in my life." It is Jesus being lifted up.

Some may step aside, but the great Church of God is moving on.

Some time ago as I was on my way home from Copperhill, Tenn., I had the privilege of visiting the Evangel office and it was far beyond what I expected to see. Some may think the office force don't have much to do, but go see for yourself.

The day the Church of God Evangel was leaving for the thousands of homes, Brother Tomlinson and the office force knelt and prayed to God to bless every home it reached. I could feel the holy quietness of God settling down, witnessing to his work.

I feel the fire burning now. Glory! Let us keep traveling this shining way.

Yours in His service  
Otis McCoy.

### Jamestown, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the saints:

I praise the Lord for saving me. I feel there is more for me. I want to ask the saints for a special prayer for this place.

Sunday morning, July 27, as I was returning from the army, I stopped at the Church of God in Cleveland, Tenn. I enjoyed those good songs and I will not forget how some of God's children met me. I was the only soldier there and they had not seen me before. Well, praise the Lord for His great love.

I hope some one who reads this will pray a special prayer for me. The devil has been pounding me hard but the Lord's promises are true.

Your brother in Christ,  
George Brannon.

### Rabun Gap, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the saints:

I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am still pressing on to glory. I want to be a stronger light for Jesus than ever before. I am trusting Jesus for both soul and body. This way just suits me.

Pray for me that I may stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister in Christ,  
Bertha Rogers.

### Paris, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All of God's children—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. (Acts 2:4.), and a member of the Church of God.

Have just closed a meeting eight miles north east of Paris at the Amhurst school house. Brother and Sister Asher of Lyra, Texas were in charge. The Lord used Sister Asher wonderfully in giving out the Word. People came from far and near to hear the gospel. Some were interested and some amazed as they had not seen it on this fashion before. The Word of God certainly uncovers and exposes the devil and all his works.

Brother H. N. Scoggins, our overseer of state, of Lyra, Texas, was with us Sunday night and gave out the Word with much power. Satan got one of his agents to throw eggs at us the next night but we shouted the victory anyway. Several came for prayer to be healed, some were saved, one sanctified, and the altar was full of seekers the last night. Several asked for prayer and said they thought they were Christians until they came to this meeting.

I believe some seed fell on good ground and will bring forth one hundred fold. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." (Isa. 55:11.) The preaching caused people to get their dusty Bibles to see if the things which were preached were in their Bibles. The more they read trying to defend themselves the more light they got.

I thank the saints very much, and may the Lord bless them for coming and laboring in the meeting.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and be an instrument in pointing lost souls to Christ.

Yours in the battle,  
Mrs. Jonnie Wood.

### Requests

Mrs. Lattie Pharris, Helen, Ga., requests the saints to pray that she may get the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. J. T. Brewer, Jayess, Miss. requests all the saints to pray Sept. 14, that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Grandmother Holmes, of near Cartersville, Ky., desires prayer that she may be healed. She has not been able to walk for two years.

Mrs. G. W. Maness, Lamison, Ala., desires all the saints to pray that her husband may be filled with the Holy Ghost and join her in preaching the Word. Also pray for the boys to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

### Sapa, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere:  
I am glad I ever found the way

## It's a Fact:

Most of us up to the time we received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, never had an idea in the world that God would call us to do some service for Him.

If we had thought about it we would have been studying the Bible a long time ago.

And here we are now—right up against the time when we must do something—and we don't know the Bible like we ought to know it.

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of holiness. Praise His dear name. I received the Holy Ghost last May after seeking for three years. I am the only one of a large family who professes holiness and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Bless His dear name.

I have just returned home from Williams Springs. Brother C. A. Churchill is holding a meeting. I have never seen the power so great. Thirty or forty would dance and talk in tongues at one time. It is wonderful. May the Lord bless all of them.

When the great King of kings comes in the air I want to be ready to meet Him with a clean heart for He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Glory to His name.  
Your brother in Christ Jesus,  
W. H. Holland.

### Lutz, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints:

I am still praising God for victory over sin. Husband and I received the precious Holy Ghost at the Wimauma Camp meeting. It is so sweet to follow Jesus. I belong to the Church of God.

Husband and I take the Evangel and both of us enjoy reading it.

I want all you dear saints to pray for the people of this country and pray that I may stand true and be ready to meet Jesus.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mollie Sanders.

### Song Books

Please announce in our paper that I have for sale a good number of song books, words only, which I believe our people will be glad to use. The book is entitled, "Holiness Hymns" and contains 31 of the very best soul stirring songs.

Price 10c each. Special prices in larger quantities.

Address B. O. Rosenbaum,  
Lenoir City, Tenn.

### Obituary

On August 10, 1919, our dear brother, A. Summers, aged 75, departed this life. He was a devoted member of the Church of God at Augusta, Ga. He came here from Moatsville, W. Va., remained here several years, and a few months ago returned to his former home, where he died. His last word was "glory."

He leaves a wife, three daughters and one son, all of West Virginia, to mourn his loss.

Mamie Inglett.

### Dahlonega, Ga.

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings:

We came to the Dahlonega district November 23, 1918, and have given all of our time to this mountain work. I have not been out of the district but one time when I made a pleasant and profitable trip to the Evangel office. I appreciate very much the courtesy and kindness shown me while there.

We have had some good meetings this year but have had very little help. I went across the Blue Ridge Mountains August 16, to set a church in order near Natal, where there has been a little holiness church for several years. We had a good meeting and left the folks feeling good because they were in the great "Church of God." Two preachers were in the number.

There is a lot of work to do in these mountains we need several consecrated workers who are willing to walk some over the hills. The people haven't much money but are willing to do all they can and they need the gospel as well as other people.

Kindly,  
Milo Cross.

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# WIMAUMA CAMP MEETING

The Wimauma, Fla., Camp Meeting

**Begins October 2nd**

Let all Remember how the Lord met with us in June,  
and let us all return expecting great times again.

**FLAVIUS J. LEE**

## MAN MADE PERFECT

Mrs. Sarah J. Hosmer

As I heard of a reader in the M. E. Church teaching a Sunday school class that we could not be perfect here in this world, that we only had to do the best we could, I shall give a few references on perfection. I thank God because we can be perfect in these last days as Noah was perfect in his day. (Gen. 6: 9.) "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." (Gen. 17:1.)

"Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God." (Deut. 18: 13.)

"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." (Job 1:1.)

"As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." (Psa. 18:30.)

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." (Psa. 19:7.) "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." (Psa. 37:37.)

"I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." (Psa. 101:2.)

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." (Eze. 28:15.)

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48.)

"Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me." (Matt. 19:21.)

"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved me." (John 17: 23.)

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12: 2.)

"Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought." (1 Cor. 2: 6.)

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12: 9.)

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13.)

"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." (Phil. 3: 15.)

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every

man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." (Col. 1:28.)

"For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." (Heb. 7: 19.)

"God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11:40.)

"To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." (Heb. 12:23.)

"Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Heb. 13:21.)

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (Jas. 1:4.)

"Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" (Jas. 2:22.)

"For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." (Jas. 3:2.)

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:17, 18.)

May this little message be a blessing to some precious soul.

## The Church of God and How it is Constructed.

By J. F. Dover

While looking over a publication not very long ago, I noticed an article which contained a question "If the Church of God is the exclusive (church) or body of Christ, Why did the Lord send the latter rain first on the out side of His body?"

In order to answer this question we will look at a few examples of reason. An architect decides to build or construct a building. The first thing he does is to get the plan or blue print ready. We see him as he begins to make a picture or drawing of the building with all of the doors and windows, the posts and pillars, all the rooms, the closets, and the telephone lines, everything outlined, in its proper place.

He gives the plan or blue print to the planer and he gets the material ready, just as the plan is given. Then the lumber is hauled to the place where the building is to be constructed.

The material is not the building, it only belongs to the building and must be put together in perfect order before it can be a building. The carpenters begin to construct the building. (They must be qualified men to do the work of setting the material in its proper place or it will not be a perfect

house or building, as outlined by

the architect.) They first lay the foundation, level it, then raise the walls, then the rafters, put on the weather boarding and the roof. Now they are ready for the doors and windows. They look around for them but do not see them anywhere. Some one learns that they are not yet sent out. They are good doors and windows but they are not in the building yet; they belong to the building but they have not been set in the building; they are members of that same building but they are not in the building; they must have some one to set them in the building before they can be in it and if they are left out to be exposed to bad weather it will not be long till they will be so badly damaged that they could not be put into the building at all or if they were placed there, they would do the building no good, they would only damage it. They will either have to be worked over or get new material entirely.

Now the building is finished, every thing properly placed together, the doors and windows included, it nicely painted, a beautiful building, a good construction, good enough for any body to live in, Hallelujah! All the material had to be made ready before it could be put into the building, then the carpenters could set the different parts of the building into their places.

How would the building look constructed with raw material, shaped up, take the jack planes and dress the lumber, panel the doors, and put in the window lights? It would not look very good, I do not suppose that any one would like to live in that house unless it is some one who does not care how things go.

This has already answered the question clearly to the minds of all honest people without any further comments on it.

"Jesus (the great architect) says, 'Upon this rock I will build my church.' (Matt. 16:18.) That shows plainly that His church was not built at that time. Why not? Because the material was not ready for the building. It would not do to put the raw material into the building and then begin to get it out and make it ready for the building, it would not fit, you could not put it in its proper place, it might be too long or too short, so to construct a house, the material must be prepared first—This is why the Lord sent the latter rain on the material before He did the building.

We see lots of good material (doors and windows) not yet in the building but no one has put them into the building (God's church) and some of them are left out and exposed to the bad weather (fake teachers and doctrines) until some will have to be worked over before they will do to go into the building, and some have been out in the weather so long until they can't be used at all. It is lost material. At one time it was just as good as any material we have but it was left out of the building too long. It was alright at first and could have been used in the building.

Jesus is the architect but who are the carpenters? "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (1 Cor. 12:28.) Sometimes the carpenters, not having the proper qualifications, make mistakes and put in some material that has been left out in the weather too long and has been badly damaged. Later it brings division, envy and strife and has to be put out of the building. That requires more work to get other material to put into the building. And again the same carpenters sometimes put out good material as Diotrephes did. (3 John: 9.) The great architect finds these awful mis-

takes and the false carpenters or false teachers have to go out and others take their places.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2:19-22.)

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